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Garcia-Godoy Cheered in Rebel Zone

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SANTO DOMINGO—President

Hector Garcia-Godoy, on a visit to the rebel zone of the capital, was cheered after promising to carry out reforms in the Dominican Republic.

But the cheers for the newly installed president do not mean his troubles are over.

Two of the main issues, disarmament of civilians and return of the army to barracks, still find both sides waiting for the other to make the first move. There is no evidence that the rebels are turning in their arms or that junta forces are returning to their bases.

Yet there also seems no disposition by either side to resume the fight. Officials believe most of the guns will just be true of the Dominican troops, who now spend their days lounging around doing nothing.

Gen. Wessin Stands Pat

Even the hottest issue, the fate of Gen. Elias Wessin, involves more elements of a smoke-filled room than a mili-

tary confrontation. Wessin, commander of the hated CEFA troops training center, one way or another is through unless he wants to take on the U.S. 82nd Airborne Division.

He and his 1,700 troops, who failed to defeat the rebels early in the April insurrection, still are holed up in their San Isidro base. The force has been integrated into the national army as the 4th Brigade, but so far Wessin hasn't budged.

U.S. officials deny a report that Wessin was offered \$50,000 by the Central Intelligence Agency to leave the country although they acknowledge that he received a visit Saturday night from David Phillips, embassy political officer, and Lt. Col. Joseph Wyrick, embassy military attache.

Official sources said the two men visited Wessin to discuss Garcia Godoy's order integrating the CEFA into the Dominican armed forces.

Commodore Nicholas Rivera Caminero, chief of the armed forces under the junta government, is expected to be Garcia's military chief. Chances are he will let the situation cool down,

then assign Wessin to a post outside the country. Wessin probably will follow Rivera's orders.

The attitude of U.S. officials is that it doesn't matter whether Wessin leaves or not, so long as he no longer commands troops. But he is so hated by the former rebels, the best guess is that he will be taking a trip soon.

AID Chief Going to U.S.

Meanwhile, AID Director Alex Firfer prepared for a trip to Washington Friday to discuss plans with high officials for helping get the Dominican Republic back on its feet.

President Johnson has made \$20 million available for immediate assistance and the Dominican Republic has \$32 million available from international agencies not yet spent.

It also has a \$50,000 grant from the Ford Foundation for launching a planning study of economy.

U.S. businessmen are beginning to come back here looking for investments, perhaps to the tune of another \$30 million.

The United States intends to concentrate aid on agriculture

since industrialization is not in the cards for this tiny nation. The sugar situation is helped by added allotments, but the Dominican Republic is being penalized on coffee shipments for violating the world coffee agreement on limitation of exports.